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COVER PICTURE: Tubby with C. Tisshaw, the verger, outside All Hallows.

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IN AND OUT



-notes & comment

THE ARRIVAL of the year 1963 reminds us that the Jubilee of Toc H is less than three years distant. For some time the Central Executive has been considering how best this event

Jubilee

can be celebrated and what kinds of preliminary thinking and re-thinking about principles and methods are needed to ensure that the Jubilee marks not only an important milestone in the Movement's history but also a springboard into a future no less adventurous and imaginative than that which the first pioneers achieved. Already four separate sub-committees of the Central Executive are at work on different aspects of all this. Meanwhile, it seems to us that the best way of celebrating the Jubilee would be for us all to determine by 1965 to have doubled our membership and put our financial house in order.

WHATEVER THE final outcome of the Common Market negotiations and whatever political opinions members may hold as to the desirability of Great Britain's entry into it

Toc H in Europe

there is little doubt that in the future there will be much closer links and much closer integration between people in this country and their brothers and sisters on the Continent. One of the "exports" we should all like to see increased is Toc H and a new opportunity of spreading the Movement to our friends on the other side of the Channel may well be opening up. We have bridgeheads to the Continent in

Poperinge, in Brussels, and in Charleroi, while there are some lone members in Denmark, Holland and Germany. As a step towards further expansion it is proposed to invite as many Continental members as possible to join Geoffrey Martin's Overseas Party at Dor Knap for the week of August 10-17, 1963. Geoff will welcome names of men who might be invited.

MEMBERS OF Chard Branch, disturbed at the number of people, particularly old people, in the town who seemed to have no-one to whom to turn for advice and guidance in

An Advisory Service times of misfortune and difficulty and who were often unaware of the sources of help available to them under the various national welfare schemes, decided to start their own Advisory Service. A room in the home of a Branch member was made available on one morning a week, and for another hour on another evening, and free advice was offered to all who cared to seek it. After a six-month experimental period the scheme has been more than justified by the number of folk of all ages who have taken advantage of it.

In larger towns, Citizens Advice Bureaux, set up under local Councils of Social Service, do a splendid work in meeting this kind of need, but in many smaller places a friendly and informal service of this kind might often fill the gap. Obviously, however, those who give advice must themselves be knowledgeable about the intricacies of the welfare services, or at any rate know to whom to turn for the right information at the right time. The Citizens Advice Bureau in the nearest large town would be an invaluable ally.

Chard Branch have prepared a tape recording (3½ I.P.S. type) giving an account of their Bureau and this can be borrowed on application to Arnold Hicks, 35 Furnham Road, Chard, Somerset.

**A HAPPY NEW YEAR
TO ALL OUR READERS**

*Sunday Times*

The news of Tubby's resignation from the living of All-Hallows-by-the-Tower, the Guild Church of Toc H, to take effect "early in the New Year", was released on the last day of November 1962. He became Vicar on his 37th birthday in 1922 and completed 40 years there on December 12 last year. An announcement as to his successor will be made as soon as the Patron of the living and the Bishop of the diocese are able to make it.

This issue of the JOURNAL includes a message from Tubby and an appreciation of his work at All-Hallows by the Reverend J. F. L. Durham.

A Message from Tubby

I WELCOME the opportunity of telling all friends of All Hallows and Toc H that the announcement of my resignation as Vicar here since 1922 will, so I hope and pray, be understood as a decision made with thought and prayer and as a result of many consultations both with the Diocesan Authorities and with wise old friends, and colleagues old and young.

All Hallows as the Mother Parish Church of London City, dating as it does either from 604 or 675, long before England was this country's name, is now reborn. At this stage it deserves a great Church leader of distinctive promise, a man who is little more than half my age. Among the splendid priests who have acted as my deputy two here died, mainly from overwork. I have it on my conscience that the strain has been in each case due to my long absence upon essential duties overseas. Since next September I am planning, should God continue to bestow good health, a further visit to my native land, that is Australia, where Toc H has now by God's good grace remarkably developed, I feel it would be definitely wrong for me to be again an absentee, though nominally Vicar of All Hallows. I love Tower Hill too much to be neglectful. True love necessitates self-abnegation.

In trying to become a parish priest to this historic and strategic scene where power and poverty work side by side, where hideous tragedies have taken place and riots and tumults find their rendezvous, the Vicar must not be an absentee.

But my main purpose is to find out whether I can help Toc H even in my old age to undertake—under God's hand—renewal and reform, so that it can proceed from strength to strength and summon to its ranks young reinforcements from all that's finest in the teenage world.

I am not one of those who condemn "the detestable crime of being a young man." No doubt a few (as always) are misled. Since the true saints and heroes of our day are rightly reserved and naturally shy, they tend to keep themselves somewhat apart, whereas some professional entertainers can now today rival each other in the claims they make, which tend to be confusing to young minds.

The old word duty is now seldom heard, except in matters of increased taxation. This word was once a standard of high conduct and of team spirit and unselfish lives. Toc H itself is Christian to the core; and Christian Churches, who have been so wise as to invest some chaplains and young laymen in its methods and its training courses get back these men inspired with great ideals and freed from loneliness and selfishness. As the old Quaker said, our Toc H aim is to baptise our teams of membership "into a feeling sense for all conditions" and to free them from all racial prejudice. Toc H is simply, thus, To Conquer Hate.

Tubby at Work

JOHN DURHAM

I HAVE BEEN asked to write something about the Tubby. I knew during the four-and-a-half years that I was Deputy Vicar of All Hallows, and my difficulty is not how to expand my recollections but how to curtail them. Tubby was at work most of every twenty-four hours; anything might happen, and usually it did.

Without doubt my clearest recollection is his immense capacity for work. By 9.45 each weekday morning I would send up to him all the letters which it was essential he should see. Shortly after 10 he would begin dictating to one of his secretaries, though sometimes the

intercom would ring and a voice be heard saying, "Oh, John dear, could you come up for a moment?" The moment might indeed be only a few minutes, but if it were a matter of great importance the conversation might last most of the morning. Always there were innumerable telephone calls to be made, and occasionally visitors to be seen. On at least four nights of the week he was dictating until midnight. How late he had worked could be gauged from the number of letters, notes and memoranda which came down to the office the next morning, but never did he finish before 2.0 a.m.

Luncheon was what I would describe as a business meal, for there were always guests; people from every walk of life and from every profession, business and trade. The afternoon was spent in visiting the business houses in the parish, and on every Wednesday from 2.30 till 5.45 he would be in Britannic House, the headquarters of the British Petroleum Company of which he had been Chaplain for many years.

Supper was at the early hour of 6.30 so that he could be at his desk again not later than 8.30; once more there were guests, members of Toc H, Winant Volunteers, chance acquaintances and personal friends.

Sometimes of an evening he would visit a Mark, and on Saturday afternoons—he had been dictating during the morning—he would be out in his car calling on sick folk and on Toc H members whom he had not been able to see for some time.

When in London he always celebrated the Holy Communion on Thursdays at 8 a.m. and on Sundays at 8.30 a.m., but he often had to be away on Toc H tours in different parts of the country or overseas. I never knew him to take a day off.

This ceaseless work was the outcome of a burning conviction that Toc H belonged to God, but all this activity could not have been maintained if Tubby had not possessed not only an iron will but an iron constitution. I remember him asking me to see him at 9.15 on the

evening before he was to enter the London Hospital for a check-up. We parted the next morning at 5.30 a.m., having worked without stopping. In hospital he was found to be suffering from severe anaemia! More often than not he would work throughout the night before he set out on an overseas tour.

It is with not a little joy that I recollect one evening being in his study when, forgetful that I was not one of his secretaries with shorthand qualifications, he dictated to me a lengthy and important letter. He 'came to' with a shocked exclamation, "Oh, my dear, what have I done? I *am* so sorry." Fortunately I had been with him long enough to know that to be without pencil and paper was to court disaster, and somehow the letter was taken down. One of the virtues he taught his staff was always to be ready to record names and addresses and the hundred-and-one suggestions for future work that might be thrown at them by day or night.

Imaginative ideas and plans poured forth from him, and it must have been a bitter grief to him when some pedestrian soul like myself argued that such and such a one was not immediately practicable. "You're nothing but an agnostic; a damnable agnostic." Be it remembered that it is only the truly great who are prepared to ask the opinion of lesser mortals and to take it. But more than this; I would put it on record how he gave one a job to do, trusted one to do it, and let one get on with it.

Humour was never far below the surface, and his verbal sallies had a twist all his own. There was once a young medical student with as disordered a mop of fair hair as could be found; Tubby, confronting him one afternoon at tea time, surveyed the mop with interest: "I never did, I never did, and they told me the art of thatching was lost in England!"

I bitterly regret that I did not have with me during these years some portable tape-recorder which would have preserved the wisdom, the wit and the knowledge—

not least the knowledge of the City of London—which poured from him without apparent effort. His memory was phenomenal. What he used to say about Toc H was never slick or superficial. Like Jacob he had wrestled all night; unlike Jacob he had wrestled night upon night. His judgments were the result of hours, days and nights of hard thinking and hard praying. He knew Toc H better than anyone else, and he saw more clearly what it should and could become. For him it was inextricably linked with All Hallows, a City Church into which he had poured new life. I do not think it an exaggeration to say that Tubby, more than any other priest, set a new standard for church life in the City of London. Toc H and All Hallows—these have been his two great loves, and only the fool will bother himself with the question which he loved the most.

Nothing would be more false than to give the impression that Tubby was occupied for most of his time with theories, matters of high policy, great and imaginative schemes. They were all there, it is true; but they were only the vehicles for the work which had occupied him all his life—work with people. Persons, individuals, were what mattered. This is why he wrote so many letters; no man should be lost through being forgotten. Plans, policies, schemes were all directed towards persons, so that persons could be directed towards God.

Tubby in his time has walked with kings, but never has he lost the common touch, and many a man here and beyond the seas is grateful for that touch. As for myself, I would not have missed those four-and-a-half years for all the tea in China or all the whisky in Scotland. They hold imperishable memories.

“ Handsome is, as handsome does ! ”

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FAR CRY

-overseas notes



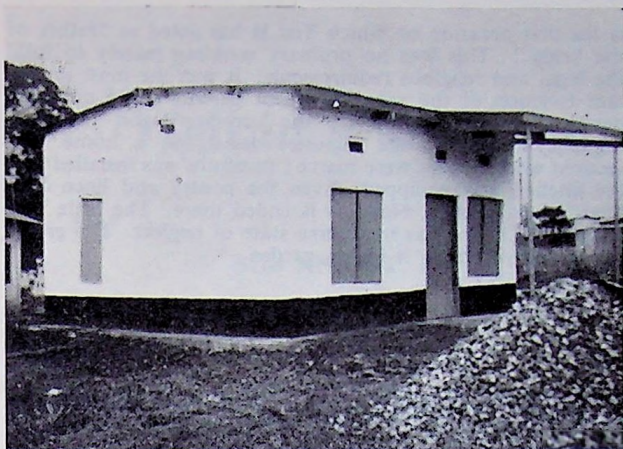
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Kampala Accomplishment

SOME TIME ago the Kampala Branch obtained from the Municipality a two-house plot of ground in the Kiswa Housing Estate. The intention was ultimately to build four units to house four elderly destitute Africans or Asians. There would be no rent for them to pay, no rates and no maintenance costs. As far as the necessities of life were concerned, it was thought that kindly African farmers would probably give a bunch of bananas from time to time, or a supply of potatoes. Toc H would somehow find the money to buy such things as soap, sugar and paraffin.

And now the first house is completed, built by the Branch of mud and wattle, with a cement floor and asbestos roof. Before she died Lady Crawford took a keen interest in the venture and raised much of the money needed to buy materials. The Municipality have been generous in regard to rates and rent. It has all taken a long time, and there were occasions when it seemed that the place would never get finished.

But by now it is more than likely that the first elderly couple has been selected and installed in their new home, happily no doubt.



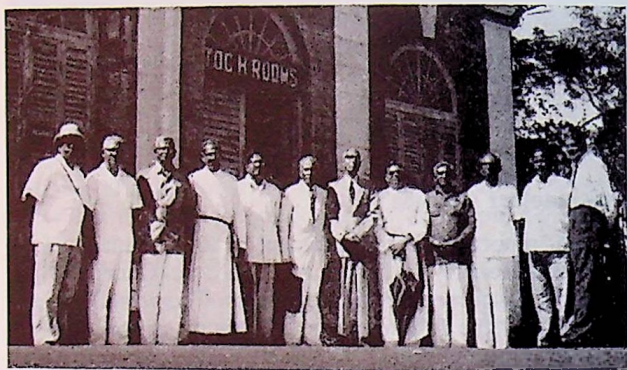
The mud and wattle house built by Kampala (Uganda) members.

"Just another wedding"

The report of the Chairman of the South African Council, Robert Faulkner, made at the Council's last meeting, is quoted in the September *Compass* for 1962, and from it the following quotation is taken:

The initiative and sacrifice by new Units in non-White areas working in their respective localities compare favourably with the long-established Branches. In some cases, perhaps, the older Branches have something to learn from the younger ones. For years a non-European blind couple were wanting to marry. They were virtually without relatives and only in sheltered employment. The little money they had managed to scrape together was pitifully inadequate for such a venture. They had almost written off the prospect as a happiness beyond them. Who were more likely to know of their obstacles than members of their own community? Who would extend the help they needed with more readiness and sympathy than Toc H members? Thus in a spirit of service, but with personal friendship chiefly in evidence, a wedding was arranged by the Noordgesig group. This, surely,

is the first occasion on which Toc H has acted as "father of the bride"! This was no ordinary wedding merely to fulfil the legal and religious requirements. It was the most important function of the year. Indulgent parents could not have done more. Not only were the ceremony and reception thought through to the minutest detail but a house was secured when houses were scarce: furniture was installed and the kitchen was equipped. Even the pantry and linen cupboard were stocked. Nor has it ended there. The little plot around the house was in a sorry state of neglect. The group is now busy turning it into a garden.



South India Executive

The South India Regional Executive, taken outside the Toc H Rooms at Fort St. George, Madras, after their meeting. (l. to r.) S. R. PANDIAN, Chairman of Tanjore Branch (who took the photograph), W. M. PHILIP, Regional Treasurer, S. J. AUGUSTUS, Regional Chairman, Padre PEACE B. DAVID, Major K. V. RATNAM, Regional Commissioner, R. D. PAUL, CHRIS D. AIRAN (visiting lone member formerly of Poona), Padre M. G. SAMUEL, Regional Padre, Padre M. CHELLIAH of Village Wings, IGNATIUS D. ASIRVATHAM, Editor of *The Lamp*, G. D. HERBERT, Regional Secretary, and CHRISTIE SWAMINATHAN.

Vigil in a Mark

BOB KNIGHT

"RELIGION" writes Paul Tillich, "is ultimate concern." The teams keeping their hour of vigil during the World Chain of Light in Manchester reached a high level of concern both about Toc H and contemporary society, though concern should not be confused with anxiety.

Both a men's and a women's Lamp were lit at 9 p.m. on December 11 and exactly a hundred men and women volunteered to share the vigil. It is no longer an unfamiliar thing in Toc H. Silence for several minutes is as acceptable as a discussion or prayer or laughter.

There were 'anchor' hours when we knew precisely the time for a local Ceremony of Light somewhere across the globe. Toronto with Colin Cuttall among them at 2 a.m. our time; 9 a.m., the Antipodes. Alison Macfie and Frances Beeton had been added to the names of George Skewes and John Jans for 11 a.m., the hour for 'down-under' in the 1955 handbook carefully amended by Rex Calkin.

Some hours had additional interest. Ex-naval ratings at midnight swapped impressions of life at sea. From 3 a.m. to 5 a.m. the northern voices were supplemented by the Canadian accent of Fen Thompson, one of the six members of Stockport who came at intervals during the night.

Eric Nicholls, who founded Holmes Chapel Branch here in Cheshire had sent us an intimate picture of the four Branches in Tasmania where he continues his teaching career.

The weekly record request programme for children in hospitals went out at 6 p.m. from the Manchester Room as usual while a team continued the Vigil in the adjacent Edinburgh Room. At seven, Jack Shaw led a pack of Rugby Club members in an attempt to get fresh insights into the complicated racial tensions of Central and South Africa.

The life of Mark IV was dominated by the Vigil and the prospect of more than a hundred and fifty visitors for the last hour demanded careful preparation, and on the night, gracious and patient hospitality. Teams of Marksmen acted as stewards to the various rooms which had been wired for sound so that all could share in the closing act of thanksgiving and dedication led from the Manchester Room. At 8.55 in a darkened House, light was passed by taper from room to room, and around each room, dispelling the darkness. A minute or two of silence while we waited for the light to return to us, and at 9 p.m. on the 12th we were charged once more to let our light so shine before men.

A chain of light encircling the world is ambitious if not pretentious. The challenges which confront us are gigantic and complex. Solutions may be found by the same combined inventiveness and industry that has shaped our modern way of life in Manchester. But without personal responsibility for one another, inventiveness and industry make only chaos and misery.

A vigil that kept us awake around the clock has reminded us of this. May each of us remain awake in the other sense to the responsibility which is ours alone, and which, if we do not bear it, will not be borne.

Charles Young

"**W**HERE'S CHARLIE?" Few men have been called upon by such a diversity of people in this familiar way. It might be a rain-soaked youngster in Rossett Ghyll on a morning of fierce gales, an elderly invalid confined to his room in an armchair, or a distinguished soldier or ecclesiastic in a Service club or meeting. Wherever it was they were certain of a response from a man whose friendships are as wide as life itself.

Nearly a quarter of a century ago, Charles Young, a member of Carlisle Branch, joined the staff as Lakeland Area Secretary and his home in Kendal became then, with the help of his wife Kate, a place where all kinds and conditions of men met. Over the years that have followed, often in the most unlikely places as well as in Service Clubs, Army Camps and Marks, this process has gone on and through it friendships and knowledge of Toc H have multiplied. After the outbreak of the second world war, Charles and Kate moved off to work in Service Clubs at Coventry and Carlisle and on the invasion of Europe Charles joined his colleagues with the Army in Belgium and France, and eventually proceeded to Norway. In all these places, the easiest way to find Charles was to look for diverse groups of men, arguing and talking about anything from pubs to poetry. For him the barriers of class or creed didn't and



Charles Young

don't seem to matter; always being supremely himself he is able to draw a response over these barriers, whether the person be young or old, rich or poor, powerful or humble.

When the war ended Charles returned to area work in Manchester, Sheffield, Bristol and Newcastle; in all of these places his creative power of life was manifested.

After the sudden death of the first warden, Charles and Kate took over the wardenship of Dor Knap and here again they established that vital personal tradition without which Toc H is powerless. They then returned to the Northern Area but before long were called upon again to establish this same tradition by building a team of younger men at the new Mark III.

And so over the years it has gone on and their contribution to Toc H can never be evaluated. Quite frequently they have worked apart; Kate, in Service Clubs and in Marks, has helped us through many difficult times and has made her own distinctive contribution.

The time has now come for Charles to retire, although retirement for people such as he is largely a technical matter: since wherever he may be and under whatever conditions, the building of ever wider and more effective human relationships will go on. We thank both Kate and Charles for all they have done over the years, for the gaiety and good humour they have created in difficult times, for their help and concern for all manner and conditions of men and for giving themselves without stint or any holding back. It is not 'goodbye' but 'au revoir' since we will continue to fare forward together.

JACK LUCAS

JACK LUCAS retired on December 31. After five years as Hon. Warden of Mark VI Birmingham he joined the Staff as Marks Pilot in April 1953, and is warmly remembered by many Marksmen. His Toc H career began and ended at Gladstone House, Liverpool, but

his most important assignment probably was at Mark III Hackney where his job was to close down the Mark in readiness for the building of Prideaux House. But he had numerous other assignments, mostly at our Northern Marks. His friends will wish him and Rita many happy years in retirement.

A Matter of Urgency

KENNETH PRIDEAUX-BRUNE

Some thoughts on Christian Unity by an Anglican layman

THE WHOLE QUESTION of Unity has suddenly become respectable. It's 'in' to be an 'Ecumaniac'. Such great gatherings as the Assembly of the World Council of Churches in New Delhi, and the Vatican Council now meeting in Rome, have attracted widespread publicity and aroused widespread interest. This is good as long as—and only as long as—it doesn't lead to complacency, to the feeling that time, without any need of our assistance, will solve all problems.

Because I don't believe that even now most of us have begun to take the problem seriously. We (and 'we' means all of us, not just the theologians and the big boys) need "seriously to lay to heart the great dangers we are in by our unhappy divisions." The scandal of disunity is a crippling handicap to the proclamation of the Word of God.

This is, perhaps, most glaringly apparent in Asia and Africa. How can we talk about Christianity as the Faith for all the world, for all men everywhere, when Christianity comes in the form, not of one Church, but of several hundred competing denominations, denominations which are, in Bishop Newbiggin's phrase, "the splintered fragments of Western cultural history"? But

the dilemma is no less real in the local situation, though it may appear to be more easily evaded. What is the good of talking about the 'Gospel of Reconciliation', when that Gospel is apparently incapable of reconciling even its adherents to one another.

Somehow we have to bring home to people the reality, and the overriding importance, of this dilemma. Unity will demand sacrifices from all of us. It may be a bloodless reformation, but it will not for most of us be a painless one. Unity will not be possible unless we are willing to re-examine our prejudices and traditions with an open mind, unless we are prepared to tolerate changes in established patterns.

And so the first requirement, if any advance is to be made along the road to Christian Unity, is a new sense of the urgency of the problem, and of its centrality to the whole question of Mission at the present time. The campaign for unity can no longer be a 'fringe' activity, the last resort of the ecclesiastical rebel without a cause. Unity is the concern of all of us, and is far and away the most important domestic challenge facing the Churches today.

What immediate, practical steps can we take? Our first target must be the smug thinking that tacitly regards members of other denominations as second-class citizens in the Kingdom of Heaven. We must recognise them for what they are—nothing less than our fellow Christians.

Secondly, we must seize every possible opportunity for members of different denominations to work together in the local situation. It is essential that local Christian Churches get used to acting as a single unit, a single unit in terms of witness to the community, as well as in terms of service to the community. Most members of most denominations (especially my own) will throw up their hands in horror at this suggestion. Co-operation on money-raising in Christian Aid Week to satisfy their consciences is about as far as they are prepared to go in this direction.

Thirdly, and this is an even more heretical suggestion, we must worship together. For the work of the Church and the worship of the Church are inextricably mixed. We shall never be able to work together effectively until we are able to pray together. This is not, of course, to say that joint services should be a weekly occurrence. People will naturally, and rightly, want to worship normally according to the forms and patterns in which they have been brought up. It is, however, to say that opportunities of joint worship should be created far more frequently than is the case in most districts at present.

There is no space here to discuss the vexed question of inter-Communion. Except simply to say that inter-Communion is happening on an increasing scale, and that, whatever the reservations of the theologians, its value is being proved by experience.

Let us thank God for this increasing willingness to experiment. And let us thank God that the great tides of the Spirit at this time—such as the attempts to make the Liturgy more relevant to the needs of men, the re-examination of the role of the laity and the experiments in the organisation of the local Church, of which the House Church is perhaps the best known example—that all these movements of the Holy Spirit cut clean across denominational lines. So let us pray that all Christians—and most especially ourselves—may be more flexible in our approach to the question of Unity, more willing to experiment and more open to the promptings of the Spirit.

Is all this a gross over-simplification of a complicated problem? I suppose so. I confess to being theologically ignorant, and, if not intimidated, simply bored by long words like transubstantiation. And yet, in face of the urgency of the problem, and the supremacy of the great central facts on which we are all agreed, so many of the arguments on Christian Unity seem to me rather trivial. A naive reaction? I wonder.

Loch Eil Centre

- 1963 Courses

ALAN HILL

In this time of unprecedented plenty, the lives of many young people are likely to be poorer at twenty than one might have guessed on seeing them eagerly leaving school at fifteen. Young people have never been more in a crowd—and never more alone: without a Youth Service many of them would not be more free but less free.—Albemarle Report, 1958.

THIS SITUATION has not changed in 1962; if anything it has probably worsened. It is not my intention to discuss the reasons here but to outline what we in Toc H are attempting to do at Loch Eil Centre.

Many young people today seem to be seeking a way of expressing themselves as individuals rather than as one of the mass and it is our object to help them towards this goal. The physical activities provide both physical and mental stimulation and demand that a boy should learn to work as a member of a team, without subjugating his individual personality. He learns new skills which may well open new horizons for him. He gains confidence in his own judgment and consequently feels more sure of himself. As a member of a team he begins to realise the value of others even though their ideas may not be the same as his own. He learns to talk openly in discussion groups and begins to accept criticism of his own standards and values.

Six courses will be held in 1963, one of four weeks and five of two weeks. The courses include instruction in the following: Mountaineering, Sailing, Canoeing, Forestry and Expedition-work. In addition there will be Discussions, Lectures, Sporting Activity, etc.

Early application is strongly advised and should be made to Alan Hill at Toc H Headquarters.



Some members of a 1962 course.

DATES OF COURSES

Course No. 1	June 1—15	(14½—16 years)
2	June 15—July 13	(16—21 years)
3	July 20—August 3	(16—21 years)
4	August 3—17	(16—21 years)
5	August 24—September 7	(16—21 years)
6	September 7—21	(14½—16 years)

All equipment supplied except boots and plimsolls.

FEES: Two weeks course £15. (Deposit £3.)

Four weeks course £30. (Deposit £5.)

The courses are open to all who wish to take part and are not exclusively for those who are sons of Toc H members.

MARK XVIII EXPEDITION GROUP

A few weeks ago, at Mark XVIII in Newcastle, we reviewed our job programme, and decided that it should be drastically reorganised in order to make more use of the available talent in the Mark. As a result plans for the Expedition Group were formulated.

Basically, the purpose of the Expedition Group is to recruit thirty boys from all walks of life, and to organise a series of weekend courses on similar grounds to Outward Bound.

Marksmen will be trained as instructors in camping, map-reading, fell-walking, canoeing and dinghy sailing.

An appeal has been made for £1,500 in order to purchase the required equipment. This will consist of a Landrover for conveyance, camping gear, canoes, dinghies, etc. All the equipment will be kept at the Mark; and all the weekend expeditions will start from there.

We want to attract the boy, who is not necessarily a potential leader, or of above average intelligence, but who nevertheless will benefit from the discipline, fellowship and challenge of this sort of training.

HOWARD SCOTT

In Memoriam

THOMAS LAURENCE CAMERON

Tom Cameron was well-known to Toc H members in many parts of the country, for wherever he went he had an influence and that influence persisted long after he had left. Tubby was the Padre of Tom's battery during the first World War and a life-long friendship was formed. When a move was made in 1930 to start a Toc H unit in Hornchurch, Essex, Tom came to the first meeting and stayed with the Branch as its first Pilot throughout his life. He held several offices at District and Area level and was for some years Chairman of the Eastern London Area. After his retirement from work, he served for a few years on the staff in a part-time capacity forming new units in South Essex.

By profession a schoolmaster, he held a headship for several years. He was a keen sportsman, playing football and cricket in his younger days and bowls in later years, until poor health and almost total blindness afflicted him.

Consistent and thorough in all he undertook, he was a devout Christian who loved Toc H and won many to its way of life.

F. J. G.

Elder Brethren

'With proud thanksgiving . . .'

ARNOTT.—On October 1, FREDERICK HENRY ARNOTT, aged 73, a founder member of Holt Branch. Elected 6.1.'49.

BARLOW.—On November 12, HARRY JOSEPH FRANCIS BARLOW, aged 66, a member of Grove Hill Branch. Elected 7.12.'56.

BRECKELS.—On November 18, KEITH BASIL BRECKELS, aged 44, a member of R.H.H.I. Branch, formerly of Hornchurch Branch. Elected 12.10.'42.

CAMERON.—On December 2, THOMAS LAURENCE CAMERON, aged 70, a member of Hornchurch Branch. Elected 18.6.'31. Pilot, S. Essex 1955-1958.

CLATWORTHY.—On November 6, RICHARD J. CLATWORTHY ('Pop'), aged 81, a member of Looe Branch. Elected 1946.

CORSTIN.—Suddenly, on November 5, EDWARD FULLER CORSTIN, aged 53, a member of Wimbledon Branch. Elected 30.5.'29.

CROUCHER.—On November 11, FRANK KENDRICK CROUCHER, a Sussex Area member. Elected 1.12.'21.

DUNTON.—On October 26, ARTHUR LESLIE DUNTON, aged 59, a member of Tottenhall Branch. Elected 20.1.'38.

FITZJOHN.—On November 18, ARTHUR J. FITZJOHN, aged 80, a member of Brighton Branch. Elected January 1927.

FRASER.—On November 4, ALEXANDER FRASER, aged 78, a South Western Area member. Elected 5.7.'33.

GREEN.—In November, JACK GREEN, aged 71, a member of the former Heaton Moor Branch. Elected 12.2.'47.

HUTCHINS.—On September 20, FREDERICK ARTHUR HUTCHINS, aged 79 a member of Gravesend Branch. Elected 4.9.'58.

PRATT.—On October 31, THOMAS ROYSTON PRATT, aged 58, a member of Eaton Branch. Elected 27.2.'57.

SMITH.—Suddenly, on November 4, GEOFFREY GEORGE SMITH, aged 50, a member of Tunbridge Wells Branch. Elected 1.5.'40.

STANNERS.—On November 20, WALTER STANNERS, aged 56, a member of Ladhope Branch. Elected 15.9.'39.

THEAKER.—On October 30, FRANCIS THEAKER ('Skipper'), aged 72, a member of Salcombe Branch. Elected 5.4.'55.

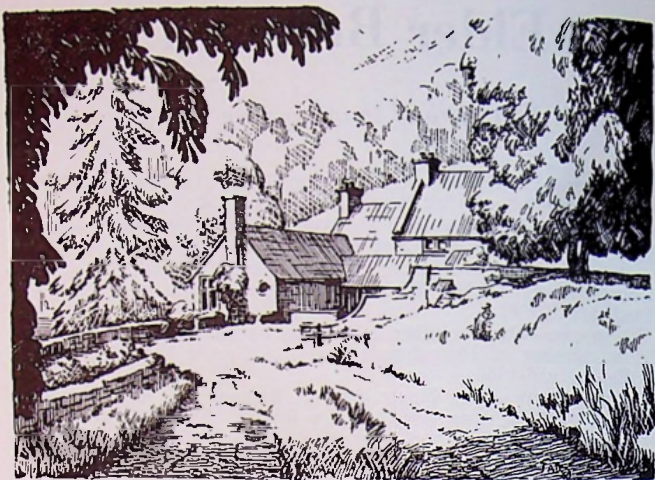
THOMAS.—On November 9, JOHN OWEN THOMAS, aged 65, the Chairman of Denbigh Branch. Elected 21.3.'40.

TURNER.—On October 12, JOSEPH TURNER, aged 34, a member of Bingley Branch. Elected 21.3.'51.

WILKINSON.—On November 13, GEORGE ELI WILKINSON ('Cyril'), aged 72, a member of Rustington Branch. Elected 14.3.'41.

WILLIAMS.—On November 22, DAVID WILLIAMS, aged 60, a member of R.H.H.I. Branch. Elected 4.1.'56.

WRIGHT.—On November 17, EDWARD VICTOR WRIGHT, aged 65, a founder member of Goring-by-Sea Branch. Elected 26.2.'59.



Dor Knap

1962 was another good year at Dor Knap. About 700 men **I** (including some boys from Affiliated Schools) spent either a week-end or a full week in the house, and the first party from a mixed unit was successfully held.

George and Dorothy Atkinson continued to make a host of new friends and under George's direction much useful work has been done in the garden and grounds. Sufficient vegetables are being grown to feed all comers and it has even been possible to sell some Dor Knap produce in the village. Work on the new games room is well under way and it is hoped that this will be completed early in the 1963 season.

A list of bookings for 1963 is printed on the opposite page. It will be seen that this year there are to be rather more Central Weeks and Week-ends. **Anyone interested in any of these should make early application—either through Area Staff or direct to Alec Churcher at Toc H Headquarters.**

DOR K NAP BOOKINGS 1963

- W/E January 11-13 BEDS. & HERTS. AREA
 W/E January 26-27 WESTERN AREA
 W/E February 23-24 WESTERN AREA
 W/E March 9-10 LINCOLNSHIRE AREA
 W/E March 22-24 WEST MIDLANDS AREA
 W/E March 29-31 BEDS. & HERTS. AREA with
 NOTTS. & DERBY AREA
 *W/E April 5-7 "Communications" Course for Area and
 District Leaders. (Leader: Alec
 Churcher)
 W April. Tues. 9-16 SCHOOLS WEEK
 *W/E April 26-28 For Jobmasters & Pilots (Leader: Alec
 Churcher)
 W/E May 3-5 WESTERN AREA EXECUTIVE
 W/E May 10-12 CENTRAL EXECUTIVE
 May 13-16 PADRES' CONFERENCE
 W/E May 17-19 OXFORD and THAMES VALLEY with
 SPRING PARK DISTRICT
 W/E May 24-26 SOUTH WESTERN AREA with
 EAST LONDON AREA
 *W Tuesday May 28 Old Timers' Week "A" (Leader: Alec
 -June 4 Churcher)
 Whit Monday June 3 OPEN DAY
 W/E June 7-9 SOUTHERN AREA with
 MONMOUTHSHIRE DIVISION
 W/E June 14-16 SOUTH WALES DIVISION with
 WEALD DISTRICT
 W/E June 22-23 EAST MIDLANDS AREA
 June 28-29 STUBBINGS C.E.M.S.
 W/E June 29-30 SOUTH YORKSHIRE DISTRICT
 with WEDNESFIELD BRANCH
 W/E July 5-7 NORTH LONDON AREA
 W/E July 12-14 HUDDERSFIELD AND HALIFAX DISTRICT
 W/E July 19-21 TYSELEY MIXED GROUP
 *W July 27-August 3 Old Timers' Week "B" (Leader: John
 Callf)
 *W August 3-10 "Life and Work of a Branch" Follow-
 up week for 1962 party (Leader:
 Alec Churcher)
 *W August 10-17 Continental and Overseas Week (Leader:
 Geoff Martin)
 *W August 17-24 "Toc H and the Individual" (Leader:
 Alec Churcher)
 *W Aug. 31-Sept. 7 GEORGE ATKINSON'S WEEK
 *W/E Sept. 7-8 "About Extension" Follow-up week-end
 for 1962 party. (Leader: Alec
 Churcher)
 September 10-12 RANAGAZOO
 W/E Sept. 14-15 EAST MIDLANDS AREA EXECUTIVE
 W/E Sept. 20-22 SOUTH LONDON AREA

- *W/E Sept. 27-29 "Communications" Course for Area and District Leaders. (Leader: Alec Churcher)
- W/E October 4-6 FOR MARKSMEN (Leader: R. E. Peters)
- W/E October 11-13 MANCHESTER AND NORTH WESTERN AREA EXECUTIVE
- W/E October 18-20 SOUTH WALES DIVISION (and Kent and Sussex Areas)
- *W/E October 25-27 "Toc H and Youth Work" Follow-up week-end for 1962 party. (Leader: Alec Churcher)
- W/E November 8-10 BEDS. & HERTS. AREA EXECUTIVE
- W/E November 15-17 DESBOROUGH JOINT DISTRICT

* Indicates Central Parties. W/E=Weekend. W=Complete week.

Belgium in 1963

THE LIST of parties to Belgium, so far booked, is given below. Enquiries and applications should be sent direct to the leaders whose names and addresses are given.

All parties include some days at Talbot House, Poperinge. Other bookings or enquiries to GEOFF MARTIN, Toc H Headquarters, 15, Trinity Square, E.C.3.

APRIL 11-15, EASTER PARTY, led by REX CALKIN and JACK SHAW. Enquiries to Jack Shaw, Gladstone House, 62 Rodney Street, Liverpool 1.

MAY 23-27, OVERSEAS ASSEMBLY.

JUNE 15-22, N. & E. MIDLANDS Regional Party, mixed. Led by Miss RUBY REIF, 49 South Road, West Bridgford Nottingham. Four nights in Bruges, three in Poperinge.

JULY 5-13, COACH PARTY, mixed, starting from Glasgow, led by P. H. STEWART, 92 Morningside Drive, Edinburgh 10. To include Brussels and the Ardennes.

JULY 29-AUGUST 7, OLD House, with one night at

Bruges and three nights at Dinant in the Ardennes. Excursions to seaside and the Grotto of Han. Inclusive cost about £26. CHARLES JACKSON, 23 Beechwood Avenue, Thornton Heath, Surrey.

AUGUST 12-19, WINANT VOLUNTEERS.

AUGUST 21-31. Party led by CYRIL CATTELL Toc H Headquarters, 15 Trinity Square, E.C.3. To include Bruges, Brussels and the Ardennes.

AUGUST 31-SEPTEMBER 7, JOINT PARTY. Applications to Crutched Friars House, London, E.C.3, or Padre J. LARTER, 58 Mark Road, Headington, Oxford.

Good News

An encouraging amount of good news has recently been filtering into the editorial office—news of new units started and old units revitalised. Some of these items are to be found in "From All Parts". One of them is described here in greater detail than is there possible. It is the story of a new beginning in Wells, contributed by ERIC SMALLEY, a member of the Western Area Extension Team.

ONE EVENING in late September the Extension Team got down to discussing the reforming of a group of Toc H in Wells and the way it was to be done. The date of the first meeting was set and enquiries were made as to a suitable meeting place. Another point to come out at this meeting of the Team was the suggestion that each member should set down any questions which he thought likely to be asked of him and a further evening was set aside for comparing these and working out the answers. An interesting point to come out of the second meeting was the similarity between the type of questions foreseen. Each member gave his own interpretation or answer, thus giving the Team confidence that they would be able to answer without groping and stumbling around for the right words.

The first visit to Wells was to the local clergy to find out names of men who had been Church-goers and for some reason had stopped going to Church. This was not too successful due to an understandable fear that Toc H was going to act in competition with Men's Fellowships and other parochial organisations. A list of previous members was sent from the Area Office and contact was made with these with most encouraging results, all the men being

eager to help and get the movement going once again. Difficulty was foreseen with previous members referring to the "old days" and they were all warned of this dangerous tendency. As the majority of the Team were strangers to Wells, quite often they had to ask the way. This provided an excellent means of opening a conversation about Toc H and met with reasonable success in that two people at the inaugural meeting had first been contacted in this manner.

Through a local Youth Club, catering for young people regardless of denomination, a talk about Toc H was arranged and met with undreamt-of success. Six lads came along to the inaugural meeting giving an excellent representation of local youth.

The culmination of the Extension Team's efforts came with a leaflet raid. Two thousand leaflets were printed and circulated by members in the Vale of Avalon District. The leaflets were all distributed in two evenings and afterwards members met in one of the local pubs to thaw out, ease aching feet, and to lubricate the epiglottis. The success of the leaflets can be measured in the fact that at least six men attended the first meeting solely through this introduction.

One of the major errors of the Team in connection with the leaflet raid was the choosing of the time of the year. Detrimental weather had to be contended with; it was dark (making identification of house numbers difficult), and too perishing cold. (Anyone want to buy a car with a burnt-out heater and dud battery?)

On the last Thursday in November, only twelve weeks after the initial meeting of the Extension Team who gave up an average of two nights per week, an excellent mixture of men gathered in the dining room of one of the local schools. They ranged from schoolboys to retired schoolmasters and all shades of political opinion were represented and Churchgoers as well as agnostics. If the way the men mixed at the first meeting is anything to go by, Toc H in Wells is back with a vengeance.

“... and it comes out here !”

ALFRED F. MANKELOW

IN THE SEPTEMBER JOURNAL Will Bird gave an informative description of Film Units—a job that is carried out by some Toc H Branches and Districts to people whose position is such that outside entertainment is rare.

Another source of entertainment is also available, this one not so ambitious, affording the opportunity of service to those Branches and individuals whose means would not run to the purchase of a film projector.

With a portable record player and a couple of dozen records an evening's enjoyment can be provided, and it has the personal touch absent from the radio and TV. We all know of places where the evenings can be so long—old people's homes, orphanages, and individual household people—who would welcome this form of entertainment.

During the last sixty years many millions of gramophone records have been made, many of these of old and tried 'friends', often duplicated 'ad nauseam', while others are of less well-known works. Taking some of each as a basis, a representative collection can be built up and it is surprising where they can be obtained.

Getting Started

Of my own 600-odd '78' records the majority are secondhand, from jumble sales, junk stalls, secondhand shops and that good old standby—the Gramophone Exchange in Wardour Street (there are others in other towns) where you can browse through thousands of secondhand records from a bob upwards. (If you should mention to a friend what you are looking for within a

few minutes a fellow-browser will come up and say—"Peter Dawson? you'll find five boxes of his round the back there" or "Here's one of the theme from Mahler's 99th Symphony sung by John Callf with bagpipe accompaniment"). Adverts in the Press of "cancelled export orders," samples from Record Clubs, offer LP's for a few shillings and many are worth getting! And now that the copyright has expired on earlier recordings many of the Golden Age singers have been transferred to LP.

The Programme

The taste of individual audiences is obviously liable to differ and building a programme requires some thought. Don't make it too long and there's no need to play *all* the record, only enough to show your point (if you have one). Old ladies seem to like the sentimental, old men the more robust old music hall type—Harry Champion, Tod Slaughter, George Chirgwin. (and dare I mention Max Miller?). The most popular is Peter Dawson, always a favourite. Other ideas that come to mind are—Pairs, two tenors (one operatic, one pop), two piano, two fast, two slow, and so on; Show-offs, solos and 'dazzling' pieces; Well-known Voices, or Family Favourites, in which the tastes of the audience can be found out beforehand.

Unusual Records

A programme of unusual records always excites interest and it's surprising how many can fall under this heading: foreign records, records no longer obtainable, 'free records', records of Royalty—anyone will find a few he can call 'unusual' in his collection. My programme of 'unusuals' includes Spanish, French, Japanese (from jumble sales), Kathleen Ferrier (unusual because it mentions a non-existent accompanist!), George V (his first and his last Christmas broadcasts), Edward VIII, George VI, The Queen, Hitler, Mussolini, Winston Churchill, De Gaulle, Eisenhower—and Tubby! and many very early recordings of Caruso and other Golden Age

singers. And don't forget, records are not like war-time jam, you can trust the label!

Copyright

Copyright exists in gramophone records and they must not be played in *public* without permission. This does not apply to private gatherings or if the records are played in a building where people live and sleep. If in doubt a card to Phonographic Performance Ltd., 62 Oxford Street, London, W.1, will let you know.

Look round your own district and think where you could do this little job. A record player and records are not all that heavy and the pleasure that can be given far outweighs the small effort involved. This, in fact, is often only a one-man job.

COMPETITION RESULT

The high standard attained by many of the entries published in our recent *Concerning Toc H* Competition made difficult the task of selecting an outstanding one. It is not surprising that in the subsequent voting by Branches and groups, two entries topped the poll with an equal number of votes. The award of £5:5:0d. has accordingly been shared by the two winning entries of

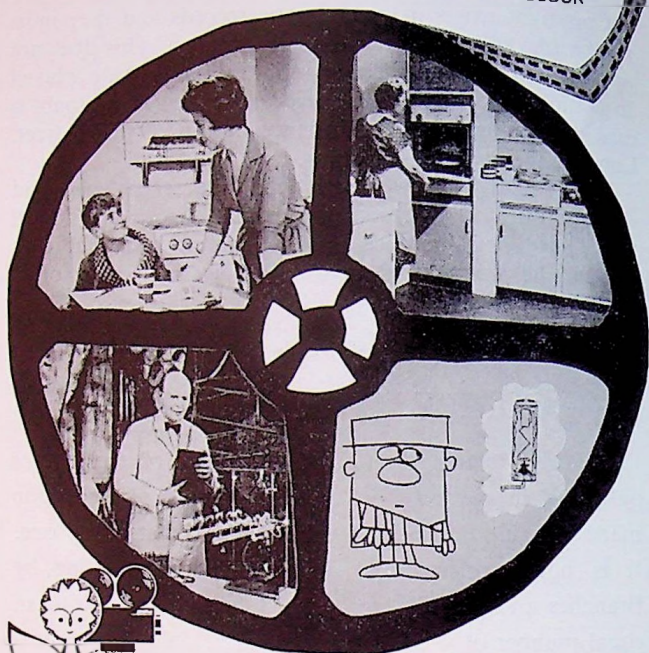
"What makes it tick?" by Dick Perkins

"Toc H in Five Minutes" by Bernard Dewey Brown and the writers, in turn, have asked that their share of the prize money should go to the funds of Kettering and Nailsea Branches. The fact that interest by members and Branches was sustained over such a long period is particularly encouraging and we are grateful both to them and all the entrants for their support of this venture.

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David Nixon
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IN HOT WATER"**

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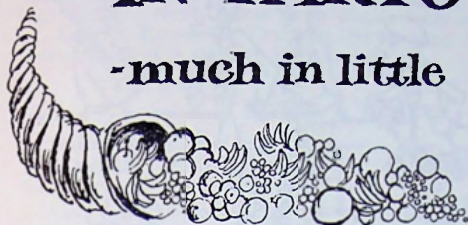
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MULTUM IN PARVO

-much in little



✠ TUBBY has announced that he intends to resign the living of ALL HALLOWS early this year after more than forty years as Vicar of the Parish.

✠ THE REV. COLIN CUTTELL, Field Commissioner, has returned from a seven-week visit to Toc H in Canada. It was a very worthwhile follow-up to the Founder Padre's tour of a year ago.

✠ MAJOR W. SAM RASALAM, Deputy India Commissioner, has been prevented for the time being from taking up his appointment as full-time Hon. Secretary, owing to the present critical situation in the country.

✠ EDWIN ATKIN has been appointed Hon. Area Correspondent for the West Midlands Area.

✠ CHARLES YOUNG will be retiring from the Staff in the

near future. A tribute to him appears on page 15.

✠ JACK LUCAS retired from the Staff at the end of December, having been Marks Pilot for over nine years.

✠ GEOFF MARTIN, Overseas Secretary, has visited the Toc H Services Clubs in Germany.

✠ BRANCH MEMBERS' ROLLS are due by January 15. They will be overdue on January 16.

✠ CENTRAL COUNCIL: Notices of motion and other matters for discussion are due from Councillors by January 25; nominations of candidates for the Central Executive by February 28.

✠ HOLIDAY PARTIES, 1963: Elsewhere in this issue, dates for information and interest are given.

FROM ALL PARTS

-area news



SOUTH WESTERN

How good it is to be able to tell of the re-birth of Toc H in TRURO, and what a hearty welcome to the Family goes out from the whole Area to these new comrades at the beginning of their adventuring. Anyone knowing of likely contacts is asked to get in touch with the Secretary of the group, E. (Ted) Hogan, 63 Fairmantle Street, Truro. Probings with a view to the establishment of new units are taking place at North Tawton, Sidmouth, Brixham, Torpoint and Lostwithiel, and anyone having contacts or likely prospective members in any of these places is asked to pass the word to the Area Secretary.

By the time this appears in print Christmas will have been and gone, leaving behind it many memories. In the minds of many older and less fortunate folk there will remain memories of visits from local members of Toc H who brought along logs and grocery parcels and friendship. The memories of those of you who ministered in this way will be the happier and your lives the richer for the experience. May the efforts made over Christmas be carried far into this New Year, and may it be a Happy and Prosperous one for you all.

GILBERT FRANCIS

NORTHERN

On November 10, a joint Branch effort by SUNDERLAND and WEST HARTLEPOOL Branches on a games contest for the deaf and dumb from the respective towns took place at West Hartlepool. Eighty deaf and dumb people were entertained to tea and this was followed by a games competition between them. A shield as a perpetual trophy, given by a West Hartlepool member, was won by the West Hartlepool deaf and dumb. After a delightful evening, the Missioner from Sunderland expressed thanks for arranging such a treat and for the grand spirit behind it all. STOCKTON and BILLINGHAM Branches gave help in this grand joint effort.

TITUS JEFFERSON.

ORMESBY Branch held a coffee evening and THORNABY Branch ran an autumn fair in conjunction with SSAFA at the end of November. Guest-nights were held at CORBRIDGE and HEXHAM at which the film *A Lamp Burns* was shown in an effort to create interest in Toc H. The Hexham night drew a good crowd but Corbridge suffered from a rival local effort in the Parish Hall next door! Nevertheless, both events were well worth holding. A District Extension Team in NEWCASTLE is investigating the possibilities of a start at ST. ANTHONY'S.

LES WHEATLEY.

NOTTS. & DERBY

The Area has been happy to receive visits in recent weeks from two members of the Headquarters Staff, Cyril Cattell and Alec Churcher.

Alec was the speaker at the MATLOCK Weekend when some forty members spent an enjoyable and profitable time in the Derbyshire Peak District. The theme for the Weekend, together with tape recordings, was devised by Stan Clough and discussion centred on four main questions (a) What should a unit do to attract and retain new people? (b) What should a District Team do and how? (c) How should a new unit be launched and maintained? (d) What should units do with people not concerned with Christianity?

On his second visit to the Area, Alec was the speaker at a special Guest-night organised by the MANSFIELD Branch when some seventy people attended. He also met a gathering of men who had been members of Toc H for two years or less. This proved to be a most worthwhile session with very frank discussion on Toc H as seen through new eyes.

Cyril attended the Area Executive and spoke about Headquarters, its Staff and Function. He also spoke at an Area Get-together held at "The Three Horse Shoes" in Nottingham. Members of the W.A. were also present and a real Family gathering afforded excellent opportunity for an exchange of ideas on a variety of subjects concerning the Branches.

BILL HARRIS.

OXFORD & THAMES VALLEY

A University Circle of Toc H has been formed at OXFORD and will have met four times this term. Next term it is hoped that they will have a regular series of meetings and jobs. They have already planted one old lady's garden and are now investigating the possibilities of helping with a boys' home and also at the orthopaedic hospital. They also hope to be able to meet with some of the city's senior youth clubs in the new year. The meetings are always at lunchtime and to date have been held in a room at Wadham College. Any Toc H members or their friends who may be up at Oxford next term will be very welcome at any of these meetings. Mark Weston of Wadham College is the Hon. University Correspondent.

DERICK PARSONS.

SOUTHERN

NORTH BADDESLEY had their own stall at the local "Dads and Lads" exhibition, which was held as part of the programme for Christian Family Year. The exhibition sought to show in a practical way, the importance of family hobbies and community activities, through which people can make real and full use of their natural gifts. As well as the Toc H stall, several members had their own stalls exhibiting their own particular hobbies. In this way they were able to contribute to both aspects of the exhibition.



E. J. Page, North Baddesley

The North Baddesley stall at the "Dads and Lads" exhibition

At this time of year many Branches are busy chopping, bundling and delivering kindling wood for old folk. An old lady, who has been supplied for some years, on being taken her first instalment for this winter, said that she would not require it any more, as she now had an electric fire in her room, but she added, "You won't stop coming, will you?" In those six words, we can find the answer to the whole purpose and method of Toc H.

HAYLING ISLAND are arranging, with the help of the Old Peoples' Committee, to supply all old folk living alone with a warning bell with which they can call for help if they are unwell or require any kind of assistance. The bell will be outside the house, and there are to be three switches in different parts of the house which can be easily operated with the hand or foot.

Once again a new group of young folk is starting to build up in Southampton. They meet in a room over the garage at Mark V. Their first jobs are re-decorating the room, collecting and repairing toys for Christmas, and going into the possibilities of starting up a Record Request Programme for the local hospitals.

The first issue of *Southern Toc H* has just gone out to all Branches and General members in the Area. Also to Branches of the Womens Association. An article by Padre Harry Devis, asks the question. "Do you *REALLY* care?" The answer to this challenge will come in the response to David Pope's (The Editor) appeal to all Branches to give this new venture their full support. If this is received, it is proposed to issue the News Sheet bi-monthly.

A member has threatened to send us an article, for the JOURNAL, all about Branch life. It is to be entitled "Haven't you heard of Havant". A clue to the Branch about which he will be writing is contained in the title!

FRED BROOKER.

WESTERN

Some eighteen young men and women attended the University weekend at DOR KNAP; unfortunately no students could come from Exeter so that all present were from Bristol and district. The weekend was greatly enjoyed and to such an extent that the Bristol group are talking about a repeat of one week some time in the Easter vacation.

Quite a bit of work was done to the satisfaction of George Atkinson. It was a great pity that Dorothy was not well enough to be with us on this occasion and it is hoped that she will soon be her usual self. The weather was not too unkind, and a good walk was enjoyed by most of the group on Saturday afternoon. Not much of a view was seen but the cobwebs were disturbed. There were several talking sessions and much discussion about the work of Toc H in Society today. All round, the weekend was very good and there appeared to be no problems in having a mixed gathering at Dor Knap.

BRISTOL Branches were aware of an added significance on the occasion of the World Chain of Light. This was also a Rededication Service for all members and we are grateful to the Rev. Ernest Marvin for his address and to his members for allowing us the use of their Church and Halls. The LOCKLEAZE members were the hosts to the Bristol family.

Preparations are well underweigh for the Old Folks Party in GLOUCESTER and some three hundred Old Folk will be the recipients of the money gathered by the District at the Gloucester Carnival last summer. CHELTENHAM Branch held open house to all Branches in the District when the Carol Service was held on the Promenade. Recent talks between Toc H and the Assistant Scout Commissioner in Gloucester have resulted in greater co-operation between the two movements. This was in evidence in the Odeon Cinema, where parcels were collected and made up in the 'Raid The Pantry' scheme for the sick and needy. Gloucester people were able to see Toc H and Scouting at work for several evenings in this worthwhile effort of joint service.

*Wembley News*

Keith Rea, Headquarters Accountant and a founder member of Kingsbury Branch, receives the Lamp from Dick Suckling of the West London Area Guard of the Lamp.

*Kent Messenger*

The Chairman of Chatham Branch presenting a cheque to the Mayor of Chatham in aid of the Chatham Association for Workshops for the Elderly and Handicapped.

VALE OF AVALON members have paid many visits to the City of Wells, and by the time this appears in the JOURNAL a Branch of Toc H will again be in existence in that city. Not only did this exercise bring in new friends but renewed and made deeper the friendship already encountered in Branches and District. This kind of exercise is obviously necessary for our Movement, firstly, to increase our family, and secondly, to remind us of how much Toc H really means to us.

SWINDON District are looking forward to joining members in Oxford and Thames Valley at the Area Festival being held in Oxford in March and hope that some of the O. & T. V. members will join with them at LANGFORD in June. This open air gathering is becoming a part of life in Swindon and we are hoping to have with us on this occasion, the General Secretary of the family, Cyril Cattell. MID COTSWOLD Branches are planning a supper for all members of the family and to this event which will be held in STROUD we hope to have all Builders and General Members as well as many friends in the District.

GREATHOUSE, the Cheshire Home near Chippenham, at which we have a joint group has asked for Branch status and the recent District Team meeting welcomed this request with pleasure and set in motion the machinery to meet the granting of a Lamp to this first joint unit in the Western Area. This extension is very much part of the atmosphere in this district and Lyneham at which meetings have been held is the forerunner of other attempts to be made at Warminster and Melksham.

The Area Conference of Working Team members was a most valuable gathering, and there were few vacancies on the attendance list. It was good to hear about extension getting beyond the talking point in most districts. There is a real need for co-ordination of much of our service to allow us to venture into new areas and make better use of men and time. Development means different things in most districts and the sharing by the key men dealing with this aspect of our family's life at least clarified the position and focussed our thoughts on the matter. Stewardship was the most encouraging key men report and the Area returns show a marked increase in giving. Though we did not quite meet the target, the nearness of the effort indicated a real confidence in success next time.

JOHNNIE MACMILLAN.

BEDS. & HERTS.

Knowing that many Jobmasters use this section of the JOURNAL to give wider pictures of the expression of our Fellowship during their innings at Branch meetings, herewith a couple of snippets.

We know that many moons ago we had a hand in launching the National Blood Transfusion Service, and lately MARSHALSWICK Branch canvassed 1,500 houses on their estate and succeeded in recruiting 150 new donors. Meeting people productively has also been the theme at BLETCHLEY. By the time this issue is read they

will have been presented with their Lamp—well deserved. Forty people here, inside a week, agreed to donate their eyes in the 'Prevent Blindness Campaign'. I was privileged to go with this band of men during the last weeks of their group status when they visited Stoke Mandeville Hospital. One might just dismiss this as another visitation to an Institution, but this is also a great recruiting field, and it was deeply moving and inspiring to see men introduced to Toc H in this way. Over half the men that went that night, who were making themselves known with the help of fish and chips brought in newspaper from outside to the paraplegics in the surgical ward, weren't members of the group—yet. Well over half the current membership of the group (22 at present) have been introduced this way. WOLVERTON are having to take a new look at local surveys under their young Jobmaster as they have planned an outing to Cinerama for young housebound invalids—here again meeting people productively with our purpose showing through, to take people to something they could not otherwise possibly experience during their 'imprisonment' in their own homes.

After a weekend at Dor Knap (which brought our total from the Area during the year to 60 men, 38 for the first time, having been on week or weekend parties), and an all day Training Session, the emphasis is very much on Expansion and Extension. We have had our first meeting with interested people in Toddington, and expansion efforts, most of them planned to culminate in a supper, following Leighton Buzzard's example are being planned in Stony Stratford, Stevenage, Hitchin and by Goldrington group.

We would like to express our thanks to Colin Burbage, Colin Stevenson and Harold Bramley who came all the way from Leicester, in our neighbouring East Midlands Area, to meet 48 chaps assembled for our Training Session at Marston Moreteyne Rectory. Their generosity and plain common sense talk of their experiences with the emphasis on the personal made a great impression; true neighbourliness indeed.

RAY FABLES.

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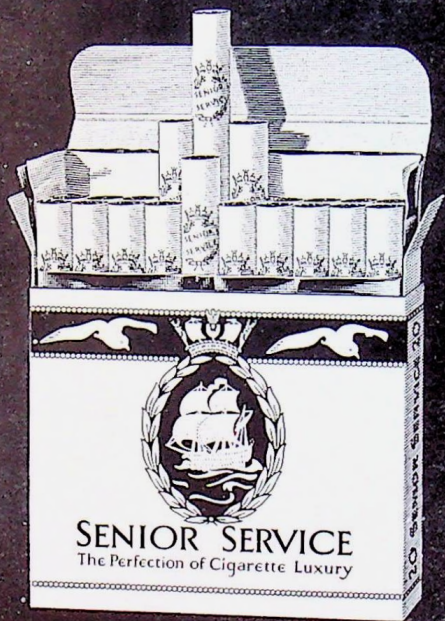
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